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SUBJ: CERDS - MEXICAN SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS

DURING CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT MOYA PALENCIA (POSSIBLY NEXT PRESIDENT OF MEXICO), MATTER OF CERDS CAME UP. HE EXPRESSED FRIENDSHIP AND ADMIRATION FOR SENATOR PERCY, SPRINGING FROM THEIR ASSOCIATION AT BUCHAREST POPULATION CONFERENCE. HE KNEW OF SENATOR PERCY'S EFFORTS TO FACILITATE SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT ON CERDS AT THE CAMPECHE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY MEETING. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO TAKE A POSITION ON THIS MATTER, IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION THERE WAS NO ADVANTAGE FROM MEXICAN (AND PARTICULARLY FROM ECHEVERRIA'S) POINT OF VIEW IN ATTEMPTING TO RENEGOTIATE CERDS AT THIS TIME. ECHEVERRIA FELT THAT HE HAD ALREADY WON HIS VICTORY AND IT WAS PREFERABLE TO REST WITH WHAT HE HAD THAN TO DILUTE IT IN ANY WAY. IN ANY CASE, IT WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY EASIER TO RENEGOTIATE CERDS AFTER ECHEVERRIA WAS NO LONGER IN OFFICE AS THERE WOULD BE LESS PERSONALISTIC CONCERN IN MEXICO'S ATTITUDE AND IT WOULD BE EASIER EVEN FOR ECHEVERRIA HIMSELF, ONCE OUT OF OFFICE. MOREOVER, HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD CERTAINLY EVOLVE FURTHER OVER A LONG PERIOD AND, THUS, WE ALSO WOULD BE EASIER TO DEAL WITH.

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